

REMARKS

Claims 1, and 3-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1, 3-11, and 15-20. As such, only claims 12-14 remain rejected. The Examiner rejects claims 12-14 on the same grounds as submitted in the previous Office Action, and notes that arguments were not submitted to explain how the claims avoid the references or distinguish from them.

Solely to place the application in form for allowance, with this Amendment, Applicants herein have amended claims 12-14 to include the allowable feature of “wherein said color-blur pixel detection unit detects said color blur pixel based on change rate of element color intensity for a low-density color filter, between closely adjacent pixels.” The Examiner will note that this feature is patentable as indicated for claim 1 on page 5, last paragraph of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants kindly request that the application be passed to issue as quickly as possible.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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